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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO.

STATE FBI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NYCC//ATTENTION

CIA REF, TREASURY DEPT//INFO

WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

ITEM NO: 1

DATE 4 OCTOBER 1974

SUBJECT: RUMORS OF PANAMANIAN PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION

REF : FBIS 03, 4 OCT 74, 000

AN IMPORTANT PANAMA CITY NEWSPAPER HAS SPECULATED THAT PRESIDENT DEMETRIO LAKAS WILL RESIGN AND BE REPLACED BY GABRIEL LEWIS SALINDO, A WELL-KNOWN BUSINESSMAN. THE ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT THE ELECTION OF LEWIS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 11, THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUP THAT BROUGHT GENERAL TORRIJOS TO POWER.

LAKAS HAS SERVED TORRIJOS AS A USEFUL LINK TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND THERE IS NO INDICATION THE GENERAL IS DISSATISFIED WITH HIS PERFORMANCE. LEWIS IS OUT FROM THE SAME HOLD, AND IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT TORRIJOS WOULD WANT TO JUST TRADE ONE

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FOR THE OTHER. HOWEVER, LAKAT IS KNOWN TO HAVE HEALTH PROBLEMS.
AND IF HE RESIGNED FOR THIS REASON, THEN LEWIS WOULD BE A LOGICAL
CHOICE TO REPLACE HIM. E-2 IMPDET-M 25X1A9a
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